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## Report of Selectmen

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Tax required to be assessed in town April, 1909

State tax	\$520.00
County tax	545.92
Town charges	800.00
Highways and bridges	484.55
Additional highway by vote of town	100.00
School tax	487.50
Schoolhouse repairs	50.00
Library tax	19.50
Overlay	143.67
	<hr/> \$3,151.14

Rate of taxation, \$1.63 on each \$100

### Invoice April 1, 1909

Polls	88	\$ 8,800.00
Real estate		141,970.00
Horses	151	11720.00
Oxen	12	770.00
Cows	312	9,464.00
Neat stock	151	3,568.00
Sheep	364	1,260.00
Hogs	8	52.00
Goats	4	8.00
Fowls	360	180.00
Automobile	1	100.00
Mills		1,320.00
Bank stock		300.00
Money on hand and at interest		15,326.00
Stock in trade		1,300.00
		<hr/> \$196,138.00

## Treasurer's Report

For the year ending February 15, 1910.

Feb. 15, 1909, cash in treasury	\$ 104.14
Rec'd from Sullivan county for support of paupers	192.65
Selectmen, balance of tax 1908	40.13
Selectmen, rent of town hall	3.00
Selectmen, state aid for state highways	369.42
Town clerk, for dog licenses	87.60
Savings bank tax	124.31
Prentiss fund	7.00
Holden fund	1.00
Tax collector	2,616.08
Interest on taxes	3.04
Selectmen paint sold	3.32
	<hr/> \$3551.69

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid County tax	\$ 545.92
State tax	520.00
Selectmen's orders	2,432.25
Cash on hand	53.52
	<hr/> \$3551.69

HENRY J. LASELLE, Treasurer.

## Town Officers

Charles A. Jefts, 1st selectman 1908	\$ 49.00
Robert H. Wheeler, 2nd selectman 1908	34.00
Herbert G. Lamb, 3rd selectman 1908	7.00
Charles C. Plimpton, collector 1908	30.00
Herbert A. Holmes, town clerk 1909	20.00
Henry J. LaSelle, treasurer 1909	25.00
Frank R. Bates, sexton 1909	38.50
Charles A. Jefts, collector 1909	40.00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, librarian 1909	15.00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, school treasurer 1909	5.00
James W. Bascom, school clerk	1.00
Charles Winch, auditor	1.00
	<hr/> \$265.50



## Board of Education

Charles A. Jefts	\$ 6.00
James W. Bascom	8.00
Miss Sarah A. Porter	13.25
	<hr/> \$27.25

## County Paupers

Balance due from Sullivan County	\$ 47.13
Paid expenses of Joseph Bushway	45.77
Benefit of Milton J. Clark	137.03
	<hr/> \$229.93
Received from Sullivan county	192.65
Feb. 15, 1910, due from Sullivan county	<hr/> \$ 37.28

## Dog Licenses

Received from dog licenses	\$ 87.60
Paid constable services	4.75
Amount payable school treasurer, April 1, 1910	<hr/> \$ 82.85

## Orders Drawn to Repair Highways and Bridges

Edwin H. Clark, District No. 1	\$ 44.17
James McDermitt, District No. 2	40.60
John W. Jefts, District No. 3	16.83
C. J. Fifield, District No. 4	28.50
W. P. Davis, District No. 5	26.90
Wm. L. Lakin, District No. 6, south part	20.13
James Bascom, District No. 6, north part	19.77
R. H. Wheeler, District No. 7	60.29
R. H. Wheeler, on state highway Alstead line to Walpole line	<hr/> 11.25
J. J. McDermitt, labor and snowing bridge	4.14
Henry E. Smith, snowing bridge 1908-9	2.00
Edwin H. Clark, bridge plank	24.93
James A. Hall, bridge plank	1.25
George G. Bowen, plank stringers	23.04
Selectmen, labor on iron bridge	10.91
	<hr/> \$334.71



### Snow Bills

Fred E. Green	\$ 5.55
William L. Lakin	11.90
William Roberts	5.63
Walter P. Davis	7.95
William Kirkpatrick	8.10
Henry J. Soucie	3.00
Edwin H. Clark	6.45
F. D. Jones	1.50
James W. Bascom, Feb. 15, '09 to Feb. 15, '10	26.40
C. J. Fifield	18.08
H. J. Glynn	6.52
Frank Glynn	4.04
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	\$105.12

### State Road

Robert H. Wheeler, labor	\$ 59.62
George Bushway, team	89.78
Thomas Bushway, team	86.28
H. G. Lamb, team	45.00
James Hall, team	24.50
E. W. Henry, team	21.00
George H. Royce, labor	40.67
Maurice Dillon, labor	38.08
F. R. Bates	9.53
W. H. Ormsby	30.92
F. H. Frost	13.42
L. E. Durling	23.92
H. J. Soucie	25.67
H. V. Morse	29.17
W. A. Wheeler, labor	6.26
C. H. Jacobs	28.00
H. J. LaSelle	33.64
H. G. Leavitt	9.73
Cecil Keith	14.00
F. G. Howe	.78
A. S. Cram	7.38

W. A. Wheeler, sharpening drills	\$	1.60
Howard Hardware Co., tile		2.73
T. H. Moore & Co., powder and fuse		.74
H. J. LaSelle, dynamite		1.00
H. G. Lamb, boards		.84
G. H. Royce, gravel		16.75
F. C. Leach, gravel		35.65
Paid for use of roller		1.25

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 \$697.91

Total joint fund for 1909

743.24

Town disbursements

\$697.91

State disbursements

34.35

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 \$732.26

Balance in town treasury

\$1.84

Balance in state treasury

9.14

Unexpended balance

10.98

743.24

### Painting Town Hall

Field & Lawrence, lead and oil	\$44.55
Howard Hardware Co., lead and oil	14.01
H. W. Jewett, repairing blinds	2.50
R. H. Ramsey, glass	2.68
N. H. Beckwith, painting	43.44
Robert H. Wheeler, painting	39.23
N. H. Beckwith, painting hearse house	2.20
R. H. Wheeler, painting hearse house	2.00
W. A. Porter, repairing roof	1.00
F. J. Marvin, shingle	1.30

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 \$152.91

### Orders Drawn for Miscellaneous Purposes

P. H. Gobie, printing town reports, 1908	\$ 17.00
J. Hadlock, repairs for road machine	10.55
Eleazer Porter, payment on note and interest	325.90
Edson C. Eastman, blank books	2.20



E. L. Walker, insurance assessment	\$ 3.01
R. H. Wheeler, perambulating town line	5.00
E. H. Clark, perambulating town line	2.00
Library trustee, library tax	19.50
E. M. Smith, retaining fee	5.00
School treasurer, unexpended dog license, 1908	83.10
School supplies	87.76
N. H. Beckwith, truant officer	6.40
Howard Hardware Co., gravel screen	8.75
A. S. Cram, labor and markers in cemetery	11.00
A. S. Cram, painting iron fence at cemetery	5.75
A. S. Cram, plans of cemetery lots	3.00
Expended on Prentiss lots in cemetery	7.00
Expended on Holden lot in cemetery	1.00
Town of Walpole, half expense survey of town line	2.50
Wm. H. Wilson, watering trough	3.00
C. A. Jefts, collector, abatement of taxes	5.54
A. S. Cram, repair and painting cemetery gates	2.00
H. J. LaSelle, shovels for the town	2.54
H. A. Holmes, tuition, Tilton Seminary	40.00
H. A. Holmes, recording births, marriages and deaths	1.80

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 \$661.30

### Recapitulation

Town Officers	\$ 265.50
School board	27.25
County paupers	182.80
Services of dog constable	4.75
Highways and bridges	334.71
Breaking roads	105.12
Painting town hall and hearse house	152.91
State tax	520.00
County tax	545.92
State highway	697.91
Miscellaneous	661.30

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 \$3,498.17

## Trust Fund

The Henry Prentiss fund, Martha Ann Bowles fund, Mary E. Holden fund, are invested in the Bellows Falls Saving Institution, the interest to be expended in the care of the Prentiss lots, the Reed lot, and J. W. Holden lot in the cemeteries.

The interest of the Prentiss fund, \$7, expended in 1909 on lots in South cemetery. Interest of the Mary E. Holden fund, one dollar, expended in 1909 on the J. W. Holden lot in the North cemetery.

## Assets

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1910	\$ 53.52
Due from Sullivan County Feb. 15, 1910	37.28
	<hr/> \$90.80

## Liabilities

Note to E. Porter, interest $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	\$ 290.00
Unexpended balance, State road fund	1.84
	<hr/> \$ 291.84

Respectfully Submitted,

ALVIN S. CRAM,	} Selectmen of Langdon.
ROBERT H. WHEELER,	
EDWIN H. CLARK,	

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer this day and find them properly cast and vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1910.

## Financial Report of Library Trustees

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To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909	\$ 10.12
Fines imposed	2.00
Books loaned to non-residents	.30
Library tax	19.50
	<hr/> \$ 31.92



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Feb. 27, 1909, 7 volumes purchased of W. P. Goodman	\$ 6.13
Express on the same	.50
May 15, 1909, express on two volumes presented to the Library	.50
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	\$ 7.13
Cash in Treasury Feb. 15, 1910	24.79
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	\$ 31.92

The books presented by Mrs. H. B. Fowler and Mrs. M. P. Bailey, daughter of the author, Hon. Charles Bell, are a History of Exeter, N. H., and the New Hampshire Bench and Bar. A general interest has been shown in the use of the Library, and the new books have been thoroughly appreciated.

ELIZABETH B. PRENTISS, Secretary of Trustees.

### School District Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1910

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	\$ 303.87
Cash received from tax collector	537.50
Cash received State's proportion of school fund	157.75
Cash received Tuition from Arthur Lamb	10.00
Literary fund	37.20
Dog license money 1908	83.10
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	\$1,129.42

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on orders	\$ 752.06
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1910.	377.36
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	\$1,129.42

MRS. ELSIE J. LASELLE, School Treasurer.

### Report of the Board of Education

Number of schools maintained	2
Terms of school	5

Weeks in spring	21
Weeks in fall	26
Weeks in winter	10
Whole number of weeks	57
Number of pupils reported	69
Girls	25
Boys	44
Number in actual attendance	55
Attending in adjoining towns	10

### Names of Teachers Employed

SPRING TERM	
School No. 1	Helen H. Burdett
No. 3	Lucy J. Jacobs
FALL TERM	
School No. 1	Martha H. Hoyt
No. 3	May A. Barnes
WINTER TERM	
School No. 3	May A. Barnes

### Financial Statement

Orders drawn on district treasurer	\$752.06
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### Expenditures

TEACHERS	
Helen H. Burdett, 11 weeks	\$ 88.00
Lucy J. Jacobs, 10 weeks	90.00
Martha H. Hoyt, 16 weeks	128.00
May A. Barnes, 20 weeks	195.00
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	\$505.00

### Tuition to Adjoining Towns

Alstead	\$70.00
Walpole	15.33
Charlestown	10.00
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	\$95.33
Mrs. Louise Fisk, teaching Earl Fifield 63 days	18.90



## Salary of Superintendent

To Feb. 1, six months	\$75.00
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### Repairs

Slate blackboard	\$17.97
Putting up the same	8.68
	\$26.65
Care of schoolhouses	15.75
Cleaning schoolhouses	5.00
Wood	7.50
Putting wood in shed	1.50
Sundries	5.43
	\$35.18

### Recapitulation

Wages of teachers including board	\$501.00
Salary of superintendent	75.00
Tuition	95.53
Teaching Earl Fifield, 63 days	18.90
Repairs	26.65
Wood	7.50
Putting wood in shed	1.50
Care of school houses	15.75
Cleaning school houses	5.00
Sundries	5.43

\$752.06

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BASCOM, CHARLES A. JEFTS, SARAH A. PORTER.	}	School Board.
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This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer this day and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor,

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1910.

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

## TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANGDON :

Herewith I respectfully submit my first annual report as superintendent of your schools, it being the seventh in a series of similar reports, so submitted, since you first adopted the district supervisory plan.

### STATISTICS

#### Fall term, 1909

School	Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
Center	May A. Barnes	31	29.47	27.51	93.55
Hill	Martha Hoyt	14	14	13.23	94.50

Since you entrusted to me the supervision of your schools, last August, there have been maintained in the town two schools, one on Langdon Hill for sixteen weeks and one at the Center for twenty weeks. The teachers in neither of these schools had been tried before in this town, and neither of them came to us with that professional training which will entitle us to a rebate from the state, on their salaries. Yet, in the selection of these teachers, I feel that we have been very fortunate, and that the work accomplished by them has been exceptionally good for the existing conditions.

I find school conditions at the Center too unsatisfactory to long exist without modifications. The school room is too small, with the present system of heating and ventilating, to accommodate the number of children in attendance. The room, though vastly improved in appearance by the new black boards, is still an unsightly place, an education to the children in the wrong direction. Superintendents are today, as probably never before, paying close attention to the physical environment of the child. The school rooms are being properly heated, lighted,



ventilated, and decorated. It is useless to try to teach a child whose attention is constantly withdrawn because of uncomfortable surroundings, stupefied and poisoned by foul air, or blinded by poor or insufficient light. Poor air and insufficient light are the causes of three-fourths of the stupidity of our pupils, wherever found. I believe the wealthy little town of Langdon can ill afford to house its next generation for six hours each school day in a building so poorly equipped for the purpose, nor do I believe that the people wish to do so.

I recommend for the betterment of these conditions in the Center School: First, install some kind of a heating and ventilating plant; next, put in a new clean floor and do over the walls and ceiling; third, if the number of pupils in the school remains permanent or increases, divide the school in some way.

In the purchase of books and supplies, though endeavoring not to be extravagant, I have not stinted myself, especially in supplementary reading material. In the purchase of such books as "Merry Animal Tales," "Boy Blue and his Friends," "The Brownie Primer" and "Life in the Greenwood," I have aimed to secure books in which the predominbting merit is interest for the pupil, thereby lessening the strain on our over-burdened teachers. Whatever changes in texts have thus far been made were for the sake of uniformity in the two schools of the town.

With hearty and sincere thanks to the board for their support and co-operation and for the confidence they have placed in me, to the teachers for their earnestness and their readiness to act on my suggestions, and to the people in general for their courtesy, this report is respectfully suamitted.

LOUIS DEWITT RECORD,

Superintendent of Schools, Walpole—Westmoreland—  
Langdon Supervisory District.





MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at Time of Marriage	Color of Eyes	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Groom and Bride	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. Male	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
May 1	Alstead	Walter H. Smith Mae E. Blackmar	Langdon Alstead	22 18	Farmer Housekeeper	Langdon Nashua	Henry E. Smith Achsa E. Royce Warren H. Blackmar Emma L. Raby	Langdon Woodstock, Ct. Nashua	1 1	1 Rev. Oliver Brown Alstead
Oct. 6	Charlestown	Henry V. Morse Olive L. Soucie	Langdon "	26 26	Farmer	Sharon, Vt. Hanover	James Morse Susan Chamberlin Joseph Soucie Adar Souliere	Stafford, Vt. Canada "	1 1	1 Rev. Joseph Creeden Charlestown

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Date 1909	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y M D	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother
				Male	Female	Color		Father	Mother		
Feb. 11	Martha S. Wilson	82	Alstead	F		White	Housewife	Langdon	Alstead	George W. Kilburn	Lovina Marvin
May 24	David Andrews	70	Danby, Vt.	M		White	Farmer	Danby, N. Y.	Walsfield, Vt.	Joseph Andrews	Pernella Andran
Sept. 4	Almira Jests	93	Westmoreland	F		White	Housewife	Langdon	Manchester, Vt.	John Clough	Rachel Eastman
5	Nellie Jenna	49	Langdon	F		White	"	Langdon		James Willard	Autensia Poland
23	Georgianna A. Andrews	42	Granville, N. Y.	F		White	Farmer	Langdon		David Andrews	Mary J. Woodcock
Dec. 1	Ira P. Smith	74	Langdon	M		White				Asa Smith	Sophonria Way

I hereby certify that the foregoing return of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERBERT A. HOLMES, TOWN CLERK.





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